

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a perpendicular magnetic recording medium including a nonmagnetic substrate, a multilayered underlayer which includes a ferromagnetic underlayer having a perpendicular coercive force of 5 39.5 kA/m or less and a weakly magnetic underlayer having a saturation magnetization  $M_s$  of 50 to 150 emu/cc, and a perpendicular magnetic recording layer.